

Form 990



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public

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OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015 , and ending 12-31-2015

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)Room/suite

2000 FLORIDA AVE NW

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
WASHINGTON, DC 20009

D Employer identification number

52-0955532

E Telephone number

(202) 462-6900

G Gross receipts \$ 51,346,433

F Name and address of principal officer
CHRISTINE W MCENTEE
2000 FLORIDA AVE NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20009

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?

No

☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status

☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () ◀(insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ▶ http //sites agu org/

K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation 1972

M State of legal domicile DC

Part I

Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
AGU SEEKS TO PROMOTE DISCOVERY IN EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF HUMANITY

2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	15
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	15
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	142
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	21,000
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	910,435
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0

Revenue

	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	4,195,143	2,513,039
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	28,577,314	28,420,384
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	3,321,795	2,681,190
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	745,550	495,953
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	36,839,802	34,110,566

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	1,644,048	556,124
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	13,808,384	14,606,384
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶2,168,537		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	17,087,626	20,455,749
18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	32,540,058	35,618,257
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	4,299,744	-1,507,691

Net Assets or Fund Balances

	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	108,933,050	102,638,088
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	17,560,282	16,805,727
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	91,372,768	85,832,361

Part II

Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Sign Here

Signature of officer

2016-11-15

Date

CHRISTINE W MCENTEE CEO

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name
Deborah G Kosnett

Preparer's signature
Deborah G Kosnett

Date
2016-10-14

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN
P00290720

Firm's name ▶ Tate and Tryon

Firm's EIN ▶ 52-1855942

Firm's address ▶ 2021 L Street NW Suite 400

Washington, DC 20036

Phone no (202) 293-2200

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)☒Yes ☐No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

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1 Briefly describe the organization’s mission

THE PURPOSE OF THE AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION (AGU) IS TO PROMOTE DISCOVERY IN EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF HUMANITY AGU GALVANIZES A COMMUNITY OF EARTH AND SPACE SCIENTISTS THAT COLLABORATIVELY ADVANCES AND COMMUNICATES SCIENCE AND ITS POWER TO ENSURE A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the organization’s program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a	(Code)	(Expenses \$ 11,471,641	including grants of \$	18,313)	(Revenue \$ 10,901,959)
MEETINGS - AGU has a diverse meeting portfolio that offers meetings of various sizes and formats. Most meeting participants present a poster and/or a talk on their latest scientific findings contributing to advancing Earth and Space science. Individuals must pay a registration fee to participate. The abstract submissions covering their presentations are published as part of the scientific program for each meeting and available via AGU's website. The AGU Fall Meeting is recognized as the leading meeting in the Earth and space sciences community with programming focused on inter- and multiple disciplinary sciences and policy and societal issues. It is the largest meeting in this field attracting more than 24,000 participants at the December 2015 meeting. The meeting generates hundreds of press and media stories about Earth and science sciences in prominent sources through distribution on the television, news print and through other electronic outlets. The Joint Assembly is a unique platform for scientists and researchers to connect with their Canadian and U.S. colleagues in an intimate setting. With more than 2,000 attendees, the meeting covers the entire Earth and space science spectrum but is small enough to allow for strong collaboration. In addition to a robust scientific program, attendees have the option to attend field trips, workshops, and short courses, covering a wide range of topics to spark scientific innovation and discussion. The 2015 Joint Assembly was held in May 2015 in Montreal. This meeting is cosponsored by AGU, Canadian Geophysical Union, Geological Association of Canada, and Mineralogical Association of Canada. The Chapman Conferences are small topical conferences that focus on current and emerging science issues. Five Chapman conferences were held in 2015 in four different countries with attendance ranging between 70 - 120 participants. The 2015 AGU-SEG Workshop was held in August 2015 in Keystone, Colorado. This yearly workshop, jointly sponsored by AGU and the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, brings 75 - 125 attendees together with a single scientific tract and a narrow scope of content.					

4b	(Code)	(Expenses \$ 8,055,252	including grants of \$	172,800)	(Revenue \$)
Marketing, Communication and Engagement - Marketing, communications and engagement programs seek to: 1) build and maintain AGU's reputation as a leader, collaborator and sought after partner within and outside of the Earth and space science community; 2) promote AGU and its programs, initiatives and services to current and potential members, as well as to the broader Earth and space science community; and 3) educate the public, at all levels and across all sectors, on the importance and impact of the Earth and space sciences, particularly as it relates to societal well-being. Major accomplishments in these areas during the 2015 fiscal year include: expanding and elevating Eos.org content (Eos is a website and bi-weekly magazine dedicated to providing news and perspectives about the Earth and space sciences and their impact); and introducing a weekly email newsletter, relaunching AGU's Virtual Options (now AGU On Demand) program to include streamlined content and an improved user experience, expanding programming offer by the Sharing Science program, which seeks to educate and empower scientists to share their knowledge with the public, and building its network of scientist participants, increasing mainstream and industry-specific media coverage of AGU and its science by nearly 20% over fiscal year 2014, increasing social media engagement across all AGU platforms, including a nearly 100% increase on Facebook, and launching a new series of AMAs on Reddit, and exhibiting AGU membership/services/programs at least 7 industry-related events.					

4c	(Code)	(Expenses \$ 6,604,941	including grants of \$		(Revenue \$ 17,379,470)
PUBLICATIONS - AGU PUBLISHES 19 JOURNALS REPRESENTING PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH PAPERS AS WELL AS NUMEROUS BOOKS, AND CO-PUBLISHES TWO OTHER JOURNALS WITH OTHER SOCIETIES. THESE PUBLICATIONS COVER THE EARTH SCIENCES, PLANETARY SCIENCES, SOLAR-TERRESTRIAL AND SPACE PHYSICS, AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES. OVERALL, AGU JOURNALS PUBLISHED NEARLY 6000 PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS IN 2015 REPRESENTING NEW RESEARCH IN THE EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCES. COVERAGE OF THE PAPERS HELPS MAKE THESE SCIENTIFIC STUDIES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, AND MANY OF THE PAPERS ARE USED IN IMPORTANT ASSESSMENTS. ALL AGU JOURNALS AND BOOKS ARE DISTRIBUTED ELECTRONICALLY VIA THE INTERNET, SOME STILL HAVE A MINOR PRINT COMPONENT. ONE OR MORE OF THE PUBLICATIONS REACH EACH OF AGU'S MORE THAN 61,000 MEMBERS. AGU PUBLICATIONS REACH MANY SCIENTISTS AND STUDENTS BEYOND THE AGU MEMBERSHIP, AS WELL AS OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, THROUGH MORE THAN 1,500 LIBRARIES WORLDWIDE. THREE OF THE JOURNALS ARE FULLY OPEN-ACCESS, AND ALL OTHER AGU JOURNAL CONTENT IS FREELY AVAILABLE AFTER 24 MONTHS. FULL-TEXT DOWNLOADS AVERAGED ABOUT 1,000,000 PAPERS PER MONTH WORLDWIDE IN 2015. PUBLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN OVER 135 COUNTRIES, AND ARE AVAILABLE FOR FREE IN DEVELOPING NATIONS THROUGH RESEARCH4LIFE. AGU PUBLISHES MORE THAN 50,000 PAGE EQUIVALENTS ANNUALLY.					

See Additional Data

4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)	(Expenses \$ 5,575,667	including grants of \$	365,011)	(Revenue \$ 145,437)
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4e	Total program service expenses ▶	31,707,501			
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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1 Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	2 Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4 Yes	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8	No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10 Yes	
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	11a Yes	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	11b Yes	
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	11c	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e Yes	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11f	No
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a Yes	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b Yes	
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16 Yes	
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21	Yes	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22	Yes	
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	24a	Yes	
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		No
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		No
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		No
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.			
	Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		No
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1a	153	
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1b	0	
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.	2a	142	
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).	2b	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.	3b	Yes	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: CA, UK See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		No
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.	7d		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f		No
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8		
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	10a		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.	10b		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			
a	Gross income from members or shareholders.	11a		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).	11b		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a		
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.	13b		
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.	13c		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	14b		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI ☒

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O	1a 15		
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b 15		
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2		No
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3		No
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	Yes	
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5		No
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	Yes	
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a	Yes	
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b		No
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following			
a The governing body?	8a	Yes	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes	
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9		No

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	No
b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b	
11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	Yes
b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	Yes
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	Yes
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	Yes
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	No
b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ►

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records
 ►MICHAEL ANDREWS 2000 FLORIDA AVE NW WASHINGTON, DC 20009 (202) 462-6900

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

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Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
See Additional Data Table										

1b	Sub-Total			
c	Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A			
d	Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	2,823,905	0	463,600

2	Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization	28						
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	<table><tr><td></td><td>Yes</td><td>No</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Yes</td><td></td></tr></table>		Yes	No	3	Yes	
	Yes	No						
3	Yes							
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	<table><tr><td></td><td>Yes</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Yes</td><td></td></tr></table>		Yes		4	Yes	
	Yes							
4	Yes							
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	<table><tr><td></td><td></td><td>No</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td></td><td>No</td></tr></table>			No	5		No
		No						
5		No						

Section B. Independent Contractors

1	Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.		
(A) Name and business address		(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
PROJECTION PRESENTATION INC PO BOX 890472 CHARLOTTE, NC 28289		AV SERVICES	1,154,903
VIRTUAL LOGIC GROUP 4352 HUNTLEY CT WOODBIDGE, VA 22192 Freeman		IS INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE/MAINT	811,731
PO Box 650036 Dallas, TX 75265		Decorator Services	726,968
Association Development Solutions 40 Shuman Blvd Naperville, IL 60563		Contract services for Development Direct	354,000
Choice Inc PO Box 62408 Baltimore, MD 212642408		Temporary help services	345,749
2	Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization		21

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . .	1a					
	b	Membership dues	1b	1,942,159				
	c	Fundraising events	1c					
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	144,543				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	426,337				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$						
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f			2,513,039			
Program Service Revenue	2a	PUBLICATIONS	Business Code					
			900099	17,372,988	16,511,446	861,542		
	b	MEETINGS	900099	10,901,959	10,853,066	48,893		
	c	SOCIETY ACTIVITIES	900099	145,437	145,437			
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f			28,420,384			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		1,556,879			1,556,879	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . .						
	5	Royalties		6,482	6,482			
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real 489,471	(ii) Personal				
	b	Less rental expenses	0					
	c	Rental income or (loss)	489,471					
	d	Net rental income or (loss)		489,471			489,471	
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities 18,360,178	(ii) Other				
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	17,234,271	1,596				
	c	Gain or (loss)	1,125,907	-1,596				
	d	Net gain or (loss)		1,124,311			1,124,311	
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a					
	b	Less direct expenses	b					
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . .						
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a					
	b	Less direct expenses	b					
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
	b	Less cost of goods sold	b					
	c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . .						
		Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
	11a							
	b							
	c							
	d	All other revenue						
	e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
	12	Total revenue. See Instructions			34,110,566	27,516,431	910,435	3,170,661

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX



Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21.	133,215	133,215		
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.	311,747	311,747		
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.	111,162	111,162		
4	Benefits paid to or for members.				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	2,244,577	1,261,960	929,376	53,241
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).				
7	Other salaries and wages.	9,409,584	5,550,170	3,627,572	231,842
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	712,179	366,580	329,326	16,273
9	Other employee benefits.	1,425,546	133,269	1,283,628	8,649
10	Payroll taxes.	814,498	482,423	311,983	20,092
11	Fees for services (non-employees):				
a	Management.	51,804		51,804	
b	Legal.	208,863	33,764	175,099	
c	Accounting.	133,260		133,260	
d	Lobbying.	44,879	44,879		
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f	Investment management fees.	366,642		366,642	
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).	4,318,955	1,588,157	2,375,658	355,140
12	Advertising and promotion.	32,881	11,451		21,430
13	Office expenses.	1,366,133	965,378	383,329	17,426
14	Information technology.	1,228,034	217,786	994,020	16,228
15	Royalties.	18,719	18,275	444	
16	Occupancy.	978,515	495	978,020	
17	Travel.	1,674,074	1,042,112	579,645	52,317
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	5,597,239	5,107,705	210,442	279,092
20	Interest.	170,780		170,780	
21	Payments to affiliates.				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	1,286,140	57,301	1,228,839	
23	Insurance.	104,254	8,912	95,342	
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O).				
a	HONORARIA/CONTRIBUTIONS	1,168,440	1,120,591	11,449	36,400
b	PRODUCTION/PUBLICATIONS	874,882	866,116	4,987	3,779
c	OUTSOURCING & LOGISTICS	469,660	469,660		
d	ABSTRACT MANAGEMENT	201,854	201,814		40
e	All other expenses	159,741	11,602,579	-12,499,426	1,056,588
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	35,618,257	31,707,501	1,742,219	2,168,537
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X

Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X ☐

				(A)		(B)	
				Beginning of year		End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		599	1	416	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		6,303,798	2	5,899,199	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		291,597	3	9,545	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		3,518,958	4	2,011,122	
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L			5		
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L			6		
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			7		
	8	Inventories for sale or use			8		
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		384,470	9	551,050	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	23,007,753			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	15,768,735	8,137,861	10c	7,239,018
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		51,372,853	11	45,857,780	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		37,698,873	12	39,836,633	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11			13		
	14	Intangible assets			14		
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		1,224,041	15	1,233,325	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		108,933,050	16	102,638,088		
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		5,776,476	17	6,059,570	
	18	Grants payable			18		
	19	Deferred revenue		882,279	19	2,273,908	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		4,965,000	20	4,505,000	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D			21		
	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L			22		
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties			23		
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties			24		
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		5,936,527	25	3,967,249	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		17,560,282	26	16,805,727	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets		83,508,577	27	78,478,298	
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		7,258,771	28	6,731,023	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		605,420	29	623,040	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.						
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			30		
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund			31		
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			32		
	33	Total net assets or fund balances		91,372,768	33	85,832,361	
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		108,933,050	34	102,638,088	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	34,110,566
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	35,618,257
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-1,507,691
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	91,372,768
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-5,984,800
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	1,952,084
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	85,832,361

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both		No
	Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis		
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both	Yes	
	Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis		
c	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

Additional Data

Software ID:

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Name: AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

(Code) (Expenses \$	4,212,193	including grants of \$	249,325) (Revenue \$)
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SCIENCE - The AGU Science Department is responsible for AGU talent pool and professional education programs - providing support to AGU members through all career stages, and for serving as focal point for scientific program-related activities which cut across AGU disciplines, including areas such as scientific ethics programs, honors and recognition programs for AGU members, and for AGU scientific initiatives such as the Thriving Earth Exchange Program. Key highlights for AGU talent pool programs in 2015 were a 50% growth in the AGU Student and Early Career Conference, introduction of an AGU meeting-mentorship program, and the introduction of a promising new program - the Virtual Poster Showcase - allowing students to present their research and receive feedback from anywhere across the globe. Each of these three emerging new talent pool programs received strongly favorable feedback from participants to encourage continued growth. AGU's student travel grant activities also expanded in 2015. AGU provided travel support for more than 225 students to participate in the 2015 Fall Meeting and provided all-expense paid full support to 18 Berkner students from developing nations to participate in the 2015 San Francisco AGU Fall Meeting and the 2015 Montreal Joint Assembly Meeting. This year also saw the growth of student and early-career member support through a special \$5000 allocation to each of the 23 AGU Section and Focus Groups to help encourage and support student program initiatives. The AGU Outstanding Student Paper Award program in 2015 enjoyed over 2600 student participants and engaged over 2000 volunteer judges. AGU's scientific partnerships expanded in 2015 to include programmatic activities with the International Association for the Promoting GeoEthics (IAPG), and new partnerships with the American Society for Microbiology (ASM), leading to new joint-interdisciplinary scientific meeting activities. The AGU Thriving Earth Exchange program also grew its partnerships and impact in 2015, and is now providing solutions to more than 15 local communities across the globe, on issues associated with climate change, natural resource limitations and natural disasters.

(Code) (Expenses \$	1,363,474	including grants of \$	115,686) (Revenue \$	145,437
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SOCIETY ACTIVITIES, START INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Margaret Leinen President	8 00	X		X				0	0	0
Enc A Davidson President-Elect	5 00	X		X				0	0	0
Carol Finn Immediate Past President	5 00	X		X				0	0	0
Louise Pellenn General Secretary (Treasurer)	5 00	X		X				0	0	0
Susan Webb International Secretary	5 00	X		X				0	0	0
John Bates Director	5 00	X						0	0	0
Robin Elizabeth Bell Director	5 00	X						0	0	0
Catherine Constable Director	5 00	X						0	0	0
Carlos Dengo Director	5 00	X						0	0	0
Rana A Fine Director	5 00	X						0	0	0

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors										
(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Josh Greenberg Director	5 00	X						0	0	0
Seth Kahan Director	5 00	X						0	0	0
Kelly Klima Director	5 00	X						0	0	0
Cathryn A Manduca Director	5 00	X						0	0	0
Soroosh Sorooshian Director	5 00	X						0	0	0
CHRISTINE W MCENTEE Chief Executive Officer	37 50			X				511,324	0	123,146
FRANK KRAUSE Chief Operating Officer	37 50			X				343,724	0	69,149
MARK HERNICK Chief Financial Officer	37 50			X				228,343	0	36,086
Royce B Hanson Director, Publications	37 50				X			239,414	0	40,689
Dana Rehm Director, MCE	37 50				X			239,129	0	28,443

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
CAMALA KOVALICK Director, Information and Project Management Servi	37 50				X			154,739	0	21,302
BILLY WILLIAMS Director, Science	37 50					X		191,540	0	45,836
HARRY FURUKAWA Director, Product Development	37 50					X		162,946	0	25,652
Alexandra Shultz Director, Public Affairs	37 50					X		159,251	0	26,980
Michael S Andrews Controller	37 50					X		156,311	0	16,704
Patricia Yaya Director, Human Resources	37 50					X		146,387	0	17,235
BRENDA WEAVER Former Key Director, Meetings	37 50						X	190,238	0	8,188
KERRY MICKELSON Former Key Director, Information Services	37 50						X	100,559	0	4,190

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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2015

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization
AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION

Employer identification number
52-0955532

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

1

☐

A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

2

☐

A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).**(Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ))

3

☐

A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4

☐

A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state _____

5

☐

An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II)

6

☐

A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

7

☐

An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II)

8

☐

A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

9

☒

An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See**section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)

10

☐

An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4).**

11

☐

An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g

a

☐

Type I. A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**

b

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Type II. A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**

c

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Type III functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**

d

☐

Type III non-functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**

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Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization

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Enter the number of supported organizations

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Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii)EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any unusual grants)						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years.If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage						
14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))		14				
15 Public support percentage for 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14		15				
16a 33 1/3% support test—2015.If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>						
b 33 1/3% support test—2014.If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>						
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015.If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>						
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014.If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>						
18 Private foundation.If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

Part III

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	2,731,674	3,520,077	4,093,488	4,195,143	2,513,039	17,053,421
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	29,802,674	31,549,011	12,992,652	27,547,038	27,516,431	129,407,806
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	32,534,348	35,069,088	17,086,140	31,742,181	30,029,470	146,461,227
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	14,582	20,678	3,890	57,475	18,270	114,895
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						0
c Add lines 7a and 7b	14,582	20,678	3,890	57,475	18,270	114,895
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						146,346,332

Section B. Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
9 Amounts from line 6	32,534,348	35,069,088	17,086,140	31,742,181	30,029,470	146,461,227
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	2,850,163	13,163,737	15,781,394	2,513,179	2,046,350	36,354,823
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	2,850,163	13,163,737	15,781,394	2,513,179	2,046,350	36,354,823
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	35,384,511	48,232,825	32,867,534	34,255,360	32,075,820	182,816,050
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage		
15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	80 050 %
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	80 790 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage		
17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	19 890 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	19 100 %
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support tests—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ► <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (a) its supported organizations, (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (c) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part II of Schedule L (Form 990).		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9(a)) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9(a)) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer b below.		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)		
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.		

Part IV

Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i>		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.</i>		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).</i>		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (1) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (2) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (3) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions)			
a	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.			
a	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>		
b	Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i>		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.			
a	Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i>		
b	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		

Part V

Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

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Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov 20, 1970 **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E

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Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)	1	
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI) _____		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount		Current Year	
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required--see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015			
a			
b			
c			
d From 2013.			
e From 2014.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7 \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a			
b			
c Excess from 2013.			
d From 2014.			
e From 2015.			

Part VI Supplemental Information.

Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Return Reference

Explanation

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527
▶Complete if the organization is described below. ▶Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of the organization AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION	Employer identification number 52-0955532
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1	Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV	
2	Political expenditures	▶ \$ _____
3	Volunteer hours	_____

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955	▶ \$ _____
2	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955	▶ \$ _____
3	If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4a	Was a correction made?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
b	If "Yes," describe in Part IV	

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities	▶ \$ _____
2	Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities	▶ \$ _____
3	Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b	▶ \$ _____
4	Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5	Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV	

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-
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Part II-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

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Check

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if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)

B

Check

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if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)	901													
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	43,978													
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	44,879													
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	34,678,096													
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	34,722,975													
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns	1,000,000													
<table><tr><th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th><th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th></tr><tr><td>Not over \$500,000</td><td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td><td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td><td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$1,000,000</td></tr></table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	250,000													
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?														

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4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a)2012	(b)2013	(c)2014	(d)2015	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	4,000,000
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					6,000,000
c Total lobbying expenditures	12,000	120,000	112,792	44,879	289,671
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	1,000,000
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					1,500,000
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures			3,157	901	4,058

Part II-B

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i Other activities?			
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	

Part III-B

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV

Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation	
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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
► Attach to Form 990.
Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Employer identification number
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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate value of grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1

Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education)
☐ Protection of natural habitat
☐ Preservation of open space

☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

2

Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

3

Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ►

4

Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►

5

Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6

Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
►

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
► \$

8

Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

9

In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i)

Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1
► \$

(ii)

Assets included in Form 990, Part X
► \$

2

If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items

a

Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1
► \$

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X
► \$

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets

(continued)

3

Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a

☐

Public exhibition

d

☐

Loan or exchange programs

b

☐

Scholarly research

e

☐

Other

c

☐

Preservation for future generations

4

Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Part IV

Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table

	Amount
c Beginning balance	1c
d Additions during the year	1d
e Distributions during the year	1e
f Ending balance	1f

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

☐

Part V

Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	b (c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	602,625				
b Contributions	26,652	602,625			
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	7,794				
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses	6,000				
g End of year balance	631,071	602,625			

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

a Board designated or quasi-endowment

0 %

b Permanent endowment

98 730 %

c Temporarily restricted endowment

1 270 %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

3a

Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		No
3a(ii)		No

b

If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

3b		
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4

Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI

Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a)Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c)Accumulated depreciation	(d)Book value
1a Land		1,705,021		1,705,021
b Buildings		7,227,420	3,899,795	3,327,625
c Leasehold improvements		4,758,431	3,737,471	1,020,960
d Equipment		7,734,670	6,825,349	909,321
e Other		1,582,211	1,306,120	276,091
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				7,239,018

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	30,077,850
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-5,984,800
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	1,952,084
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	-4,032,716
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	34,110,566
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	34,110,566

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	35,618,257
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	35,618,257
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1 :		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	35,618,257

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Part V, Line 4	The endowment funds have been established for the purpose of recognizing and supporting excellence in specific areas of scientific research

Part XIII **Supplemental Information** *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation

SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990,
Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.

► Attach to Form 990.

► Information about Schedule F (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I

General Information on Activities Outside the United States.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

1

For grantmakers.

Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees’ eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

☒ Yes
 ☐ No

2

For grantmakers.

Describe in Part V the organization’s procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States

3

Activites per Region

(The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e g , fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in region
(1) See Add'l Data					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
3a Sub-total	0	0			833,592
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I	0	0			3,200,910
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	0			4,034,502

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Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of non-cash assistance	(h) Description of non-cash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)									
(2)									
(3)									
(4)									

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter ▶ _____

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities ▶ _____

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 16.
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of non-cash assistance	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1) Fall Meeting Grant	North America	8	6,500	WIRE TRANSFER			
(2) Fall Meeting Grant	East Asia and the Pacific	21	19,311	WIRE TRANSFER			
(3) Chapman Travel Grant	Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	1	3,209	WIRE TRANSFER			
(4) Fall Meeting Grant	Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland)	38	38,489	WIRE TRANSFER			
(5) Fall Meeting Grant	Middle East and North Africa	6	5,732	WIRE TRANSFER			
(6) Fall Meeting Grant	Russia and Neighboring States	4	3,343	WIRE TRANSFER			
(7) Fall Meeting Grant	South America	10	10,000	WIRE TRANSFER			
(8) Chapman Travel Grant	South Asia	3	7,545	WIRE TRANSFER			
(9) Fall Meeting Grant	South Asia	19	10,860	WIRE TRANSFER			
(10) Fall Meeting Grant	Sub-Saharan Africa	8	6,173	WIRE TRANSFER			
(11)							
(12)							
(13)							
(14)							
(15)							
(16)							
(17)							
(18)							

Part IV Foreign Forms

- 1

Was the organization a U S transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U S Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)*

☒ Yes ☐ No
- 2

Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 3520, Annual Return to Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U S Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A, do not file with Form 990)*

☐ Yes ☒ No
- 3

Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U S Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations (see Instructions for Form 5471)*

☐ Yes ☒ No
- 4

Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund (see Instructions for Form 8621)*

☐ Yes ☒ No
- 5

Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U S Persons with Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see Instructions for Form 8865)*

☐ Yes ☒ No
- 6

Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713, do not file with Form 990)*

☒ Yes ☐ No

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

990 Schedule F, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Part I, Line 2	PRIOR TO MAKING AN AWARD TO A FOREIGN NATIONAL, AGU AND START CHECKS THE EXCLUDED PARTIES LIST SYSTEM (HTTPS //WWW EPLS GOV/) TO ENSURE THAT THE RECIPIENT IS ALLOWED TO RECEIVE THE SE FUNDS

Additional Data

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Form 990 Schedule F Part I - Activities Outside The United States

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees or agents in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (i.e., fundraising, program services, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for region
Central America and the Caribbean - Antigua & Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas,	0	0	program service activities	Reimbursements	236
East Asia and the Pacific - Australia, Brunei, Burma, Cambodia,	0	0	program service activities	Honoraria, Reimbursements	139,687
Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland) - Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium	0	0	program service activities	Honoraria, Reimbursements	393,487

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Middle East and North Africa - Algeria, Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt,	0	0	GRANTMAKING		6,232
North America - Canada and Mexico, but not the United States	0	0	program service activities	Honoraria, Reimbursements	247,547
Russia and Neighboring States - Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus,	0	0	GRANTMAKING		4,343

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South America - Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Ecuador,	0	0	program service activities	Reimbursements	11,403
South Asia - Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal,	0	0	program service activities	Reimbursements	30,657
Sub-Saharan Africa - Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso,	0	0	GRANTMAKING		6,173

Form 990 Schedule F Part I - Activities Outside The United States

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees or agents in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (i e , fundraising, program services, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service (s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for region
Europe (Including Iceland & Greenland) - Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium	0	0	investments		3,194,737

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Schedule I (Form 990) 2015

Part III

Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a)Type of grant or assistance	(b)Number of recipients	(c)Amount of cash grant	(d)Amount of non-cash assistance	(e)Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f)Description of non-cash assistance
(1) Chapman Travel Grant	12	7,559			
(2) Congressional Science Fellow	4	164,497			
(3) 2015 Fall Meeting Travel Grants	93	82,956			
(4) 2015 Joint Assembly Travel Grants	8	3,000			
(5) 2015 Other Travel Grants	1	1,959			
(6) 2015 Horton Grant	5	26,500			

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Part I, Line 2	THE EXPENSES INCLUDED IN THE BUDGETS ARE REVIEWED PRIOR TO MAKING AN OFFER OF AN AWARD AND THE PRESENTATION OF A CONTRACT POTENTIAL AWARDEES ARE ASKED TO REVISE THEIR BUDGETS, WHERE NECESSARY, AND TO PRESENT AN ANNOTATED BUDGET NARRATIVE EXPLAINING PROPOSED EXPENSES PRIOR TO TRANSFERRING ANY FUNDS, WE CONFIRM THAT THE RECIPIENT IS NOT LISTED ON EITHER THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF TERRORISM AND FINANCIAL SANCTIONS LIST OR THE GSA EXCLUDED PARTIES LIST SYSTEM THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR AND THE INSTITUTION'S FINANCIAL OFFICER ARE PRESENTED WITH COPIES OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS, AS WELL AS REFERENCES WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THE AWARDEES ARE INSTRUCTED THAT UPON SIGNATURE IT IS EXPECTED THAT THEY WILL ABIDE BY ALL STIPULATIONS OF THE CONTRACT AS WELL AS THE ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION, ESPECIALLY IN REGARD TO REPORTING REQUIREMENTS THE NAME OF THE CONTRACT OFFICER IS INCLUDED IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE AND RECIPIENTS ARE REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH THE CONTRACT OFFICER THROUGHOUT THE TIME OF THE GRANT AWARD AWARDEES ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO REPORT ON CHANGES IN PROPOSED EXPENSES IF THOSE CHANGES EXCEED 20% OF THE FUNDS IN ANY INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY, DETAILED FINANCIAL REPORTS, INCLUDING BACKUP DOCUMENTATION, ARE REQUIRED AT SUITABLE INTERVALS DURING THE PROJECTS THE GRANT AWARDS ARE MADE IN INSTALLMENTS BASED ON A PRE-DETERMINED PAYMENT SCHEDULE FINAL PAYMENTS ARE MADE ONLY AFTER REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND TECHNICAL REPORTS AND ARE BASED ON ACTUAL EXPENSES AND CONFIRMATION THAT THE AWARDEE HAS MET CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS

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Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
START INTERNATIONAL 2000 FLORIDA AVE NW 2ND FLOOR WASHINGTON,DC 20009	27-1363108	501(C)(3)	115,685				SUBGRANT FOR FEDERALAWARDS
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE 1200 NEW YORK AVE NW WASHINGTON,DC 20005	53-0196568	501(C)(3)	7,530				Congressional Science Fellows
American Astronomical Society 2000 FLORIDA AVE NW 3RD FLOOR WASHINGTON,DC 20009	21-0735173	501(C)(3)	10,000				TESS event support

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items. <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)</div></div>		
b If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	Yes	
2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	Yes	
3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III. <div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</div></div>		
4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization: a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	Yes	
b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	Yes	
c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.		No
Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.		
5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of: a The organization?		No
b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III		No
6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of: a The organization?		No
b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III		No
7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	Yes	
8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III		No
9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?		

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column(B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
See Additional Data Table							

Part III **Supplemental Information**

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Part I, Line 1a	AGU MAY PROVIDE BUSINESS OR FIRST CLASS TRAVEL (ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS) FOR THE AGU PRESIDENT WHEN MULTIPLE TRIPS (IN EXCESS OF 6 HOURS) TO ATTEND AGU BUSINESS MEETINGS ARE REQUIRED. ADDITIONALLY, THE CEO'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT ALLOWS FOR BUSINESS OR FIRST CLASS TRAVEL FOR TRIPS IN EXCESS OF 5 HOURS. AGU DOES NOT INCLUDE THE COST OF FIRST CLASS OR BUSINESS TRAVEL AS TAXABLE INCOME TO THE CEO OR PRESIDENT. AGU WILL PAY ANNUALLY ALL REASONABLE EXPENSES OF THE CEO'S SPOUSE TO ACCOMPANY HER TO THE FALL MEETING AND ONE OTHER AGU MEETING OF HER CHOICE.
Part I, Lines 4a-b	CHRISTINE W. MCENTEE: \$68,482, SECTION 457 PLAN; Frank Krause: \$12,415, Section 457 plan; Kerry Mickelson: \$66,951, Severance pay; Brenda Weaver: \$114,880, Severance pay.
Part I, Line 7	THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, MAY PAY EXECUTIVE AN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE BONUS OF UP TO TEN PERCENT (10%) OF HER SALARY BASED ON HER ACHIEVING EXPLICIT PERFORMANCE GOALS MANUALLY SET FORTH ANNUALLY BY THE EXECUTIVE AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DURING THE REVIEW PERIOD.

Additional Data

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Name: AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION

Form 990, Schedule J, Part II - Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base Compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1CHRISTINE W MCENTEE Chief Executive Officer	(i)	445,635	44,125	21,564	100,683	24,436	636,443	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1FRANK KRAUSE Chief Operating Officer	(i)	326,699	16,215	810	44,616	26,450	414,790	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2MARK HERNICK Chief Financial Officer	(i)	227,203	0	1,140	27,230	10,521	266,094	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3Royce B Hanson Director, Publications	(i)	232,121	5,110	2,183	28,712	13,826	281,952	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4Dana RehmDirector, MCE	(i)	208,469	10,552	20,108	28,443	1,652	269,224	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5CAMALA KOVALICK Director, Information and Project Ma	(i)	142,784	11,538	417	15,873	6,592	177,204	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6BILLY WILLIAMS Director, Science	(i)	186,150	0	5,390	22,852	24,482	238,874	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7HARRY FURUKAWA Director, Product Development	(i)	160,691	0	2,255	17,796	9,162	189,904	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8Alexandra Shultz Director, Public Affairs	(i)	158,756	0	495	17,118	11,215	187,584	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9Michael S AndrewsController	(i)	151,491	1,544	3,276	16,104	1,822	174,237	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10Patricia Yaya Director, Human Resources	(i)	144,088	1,623	676	15,167	3,420	164,974	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11BRENDA WEAVER Former Key Director, Meetings	(i)	58,828	0	131,410	5,170	3,464	198,872	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12KERRY MICKELSON Former Key Director, Information Se	(i)	25,531	0	75,028	2,260	2,166	104,985	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Schedule K
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Name of the organization
AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION

Supplemental Information on Tax Exempt Bonds

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 24a. Provide descriptions, explanations, and any additional information in Part VI.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Information about Schedule K (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Bond Issues											
(a) Issuer name	(b) Issuer EIN	(c) CUSIP #	(d) Date issued	(e) Issue price	(f) Description of purpose	(g) Defeased		(h) On behalf of issuer		(i) Pool financing	
						Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
A DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	53-6001131	254839K77	05-10-2006	8,095,000	REMARKET 09/29/93 BOND ISSUE		X		X		X

Part II		Proceeds							
		A		B		C		D	
1	Amount of bonds retired	3,590,000							
2	Amount of bonds legally defeased								
3	Total proceeds of issue	8,095,000							
4	Gross proceeds in reserve funds	616,312							
5	Capitalized interest from proceeds								
6	Proceeds in refunding escrows								
7	Issuance costs from proceeds								
8	Credit enhancement from proceeds								
9	Working capital expenditures from proceeds								
10	Capital expenditures from proceeds								
11	Other spent proceeds								
12	Other unspent proceeds								
13	Year of substantial completion	1994							
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
14	Were the bonds issued as part of a current refunding issue?	X							
15	Were the bonds issued as part of an advance refunding issue?		X						
16	Has the final allocation of proceeds been made?	X							
17	Does the organization maintain adequate books and records to support the final allocation of proceeds?	X							

Part III Private Business Use									
		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Was the organization a partner in a partnership, or a member of an LLC, which owned property financed by tax-exempt bonds?		X						
2	Are there any lease arrangements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X						

Part III

Private Business Use (Continued)

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
3a	Are there any management or service contracts that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X						
b	If "Yes" to line 3a, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any management or service contracts relating to the financed property?								
c	Are there any research agreements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X						
d	If "Yes" to line 3c, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any research agreements relating to the financed property?								
4	Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use by entities other than a section 501(c)(3) organization or a state or local government ▶								
5	Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use as a result of unrelated trade or business activity carried on by your organization, another section 501(c)(3) organization, or a state or local government ▶								
6	Total of lines 4 and 5								
7	Does the bond issue meet the private security or payment test?		X						
8a	Has there been a sale or disposition of any of the bond-financed property to a nongovernmental person other than a 501(c)(3) organization since the bonds were issued?.		X						
b	If "Yes" to line 8a, enter the percentage of bond-financed property sold or disposed of								
c	If "Yes" to line 8a, was any remedial action taken pursuant to Regulations sections 1.141-12 and 1.145-2?.								
9	Has the organization established written procedures to ensure that all nonqualified bonds of the issue are remediated in accordance with the requirements under Regulations sections 1.141-12 and 1.145-2?.	X							

Part IV

Arbitrage

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Has the issuer filed Form 8038-T, Arbitrage Rebate, Yield Reduction and Penalty in Lieu of Arbitrage Rebate?		X						
2	If "No" to line 1, did the following apply?								
a	Rebate not due yet?		X						
b	Exception to rebate?		X						
c	No rebate due?	X							
	If "Yes" to line 2c, provide in Part VI the date the rebate computation was performed								
3	Is the bond issue a variable rate issue?		X						
4a	Has the organization or the governmental issuer entered into a qualified hedge with respect to the bond issue?		X						
b	Name of provider								
c	Term of hedge								
d	Was the hedge superintegrated?								
e	Was the hedge terminated?								

Part IV

Arbitrage (Continued)

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
5a	Were gross proceeds invested in a guaranteed investment contract (GIC)?		X						
b	Name of provider								
c	Term of GIC								
d	Was the regulatory safe harbor for establishing the fair market value of the GIC satisfied?								
6	Were any gross proceeds invested beyond an available temporary period?		X						
7	Has the organization established written procedures to monitor the requirements of section 148? . . .	X							

Part V

Procedures To Undertake Corrective Action

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Has the organization established written procedures to ensure that violations of federal tax requirements are timely identified and corrected through the voluntary closing agreement program if self-remediation is not available under applicable regulations?		X							

Part VI

Supplemental Information. Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule K (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
Date Rebate Computation Performed	Issuer Name DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Date the Rebate Computation was Performed 05/28/2015

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule K, Part II, Line 13	The bonds were originally issued in 1993, and the building was substantially completed in 1994 The bonds were remarketed in 2006

SCHEDULE O (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue
Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Return Reference

Explanation

Form 990, Part
VI, Section A,
line 1

There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the president, president-elect, immediate past president, general secretary, and the international secretary The executive director shall be a nonvoting ex-officio member The Executive Committee shall have the authority to conduct the affairs of the Union between meetings of the Board, provided that the Executive Committee may not contradict Board policy or decisions Actions of the Executive Committee must be reported to the Board within ten days The Executive Committee may also meet by conference call or other electronic means provided that all persons may hear and speak to one another at the same time The Executive Committee may take action by written consent signed by all members

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 4	Two minor amendments to the bylaws occurred in 2015 1) Members can vote on the officer of each section and focus group to which they belong 2) The vice chair of the Development Board shall be Union past president

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 6	<p>There shall be the following membership categories</p> <p>A Member - Individuals who are professionally engaged in or associated with Earth and space science are eligible to become members of the Union. Members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of membership, including the right to receive publications and other materials, subscribe to Union journals, purchase Union publications at member rates as established by the Board of Directors, serve as elected officers of the Union, sections and focus groups, and vote on matters brought before the membership,</p> <p>B Fellow - A member who has attained acknowledged eminence in Earth and space science, and who has been elected by a committee of fellows appointed by the president shall be inducted as a fellow. A member of the Union who is a recipient of an AGU medal shall automatically be made a fellow. The number of fellows elected in each annual class shall not exceed 0.1% of the total membership at the end of the year preceding installation of that class,</p> <p>C Honorary Fellow - A person who has provided services to the Union or made exceptional contributions to the fields of Earth and space science may be elected an honorary fellow by the Council,</p> <p>D Associate - An individual who desires identification with the Union and wishes to support its objectives but does not meet the qualifications of membership may become an associate. Associate members may not vote or hold office, but shall otherwise have all of the rights of membership, and</p> <p>E Affiliate - A corporation, academic institution, or other organization interested in Earth and space science may designate a representative to become an affiliate. The designated representative shall enjoy the privileges of a member.</p>

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7a	ALL ELIGIBLE MEMBERS MAY VOTE TO ELECT THE UNION OFFICERS (PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY AND GENERAL SECRETARY/TREASURER) AND CAN VOTE IN UP TO THREE SECTIONS OF THEIR CHOICE TO ELECT SECTION PRESIDENTS

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11	THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD REVIEWS THE 990 IN DEPTH WITH THE CEO, COO, AND CFO OF AGU. THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE FORM 990 PRIOR TO ITS FILING WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	IF AN OFFICER, DIRECTOR, TRUSTEE OR EMPLOYEE HAS ANY INDICATION THAT HE OR SHE HAS A DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONFLICT OF INTEREST, OR RECEIVES INFORMATION REGARDING A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST OF ANOTHER, THE CEO, COO AND DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES MUST BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED ALL AGU OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AT THE START OF THEIR TENURE EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AT THE START OF EMPLOYMENT EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS ARE ASKED TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THEIR CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT ANNUALLY IF NECESSARY

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15	15A - CEO COMPENSATION IS ESTABLISHED USING THE METHODS INDICATED ON SCHEDULE J, PART I, LINE 3 COMPENSATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WAS LAST REVIEWED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AGU BOARD IN FEBRUARY 2015 15B - COMPENSATION OF OTHER OFFICERS OR KEY EMPLOYEES IS DETERMINED USING AN INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION CONSULTANT, COMPENSATION SURVEYS, AND FORM 990 COMPARISON DATA COMPENSATION APPROVAL FOR AGU OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CEO The CEO shares the comparable market data on salary ranges with the Executive Committee

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	AGU'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ONLINE AT WWW AGU ORG AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part IX, line 11g	other professional fees Program service expenses 1,588,157 Management and general expenses 2,375,658 Fundraising expenses 355,140 Total expenses 4,318,955

Return Reference	Explanation
PART IX, LINE 24	THERE IS AN ALLOCATION OF OVERHEAD INCLUDED ON FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 24, COLUMNS (B), (C), AND (D) THAT IS NOT ALLOCABLE TO ANY NATURAL EXPENSE LINE ITEM IN PART IX, BUT RATHER IS ALLOCABLE IN A GENERAL FASHION TO THE ORGANIZATION'S PROGRAM SERVICE ACTIVITIES AS REPORTED IN ITS AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. THIS ALLOCATION WAS MADE SO AS TO BETTER ALIGN TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES WITH THE ORGANIZATION'S AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, WHICH FAIRLY REPORT THE ORGANIZATION'S PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENDITURES.

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part XI, line 9	NET GAIN ON INTEREST RATE COLLAR 91,015 CHANGE IN POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS 1,861,069

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990 Part IX Line 2c	The oversight process remains unchanged from the prior year